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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Dustin Nguyen

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 11-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 11-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-9 and 11-14 are presented for examination.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12/12/2006 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 12/12/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
4. As per remarks, Applicants' argued that (1) both Adar and Tran do not disclose the newly amended limitation of "wherein the input option causes the web key tool to retrieve the information from the central storage location without opening a web browser application" as recited in claims 1, 5, 9.

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5. As to point (1), it is rejected for the reasons as mentioned below in claim 1. Furthermore, Tran discloses an application having web-browsing functionality may call the executable module via the API [i.e. DLL, share library, Java module, etc.] [paragraph 0016] to obtain a list of bookmark information [paragraph 0017], wherein an application said to have web browsing functionality may refer to any of various application operable to utilize URLs to reference network resources such as word processors, multimedia application, etc... [paragraph 0008]. In Tran, the application may then enable the user to access the bookmark information [i.e. retrieve the information] [paragraphs 0017 and 0018], and the application enables the user to access bookmark information via a graphical user interface and display resource reference by the URL [paragraphs 0022, 0024 and 0039] [i.e. without opening web browser application [i.e. Netscape or Internet Explorer web browsers] as claimed]. As such, Tran discloses the claimed limitations.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-9 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adar et al. [US Patent No 6,493,702], in view of Tran [US Patent Application No 2002/0099784].

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8. As per claim 1, Adar discloses the invention substantially as claimed including a method for identifying, categorizing, and sharing preferred website links over a communications network via a web key tool, comprising:

receiving a request from a user client system to incorporate information relating to a website into said web key tool [Col. 10, lines 22-25];

launching said web key tool [Figure 2; and col 6, lines 1-19];

selecting an option on a menu screen's list of options provided by said web key tool wherein said option relates to said request to incorporate said information [Col. 6, lines 1-5];

associating said information with a category [Col. 7, lines 20-21];

transmitting said information to a central storage location associated with said web key tool [Col. 10, lines 10-12, lines 19-21];

processing the information [col 10, lines 10-14], the processing resulting in approved information, the processing including checking to ensure that the information is complete [i.e. track availability and newness for each bookmark] [col 7, lines 1-8];

checking to ensure that the information is not a duplicate of information submitted by authorized system users [i.e. eliminate or remove duplicate] [Figure 3; col 11, lines 4-16; and col 13, lines 12-16];

saving the approved information in said central storage location [Col. 10, lines 50-53];

updating related database files with respect to said approved information [Col. 7, lines 8-12].

Adar does not specifically disclose

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the processing including:

verifying that a user at the user client system is authorized to submit the request;

providing authorized system users with access to said approved information in the central storage location via an input option at the user client system;

wherein the input option causes the web key tool to retrieve the information from the central storage location without opening a web browser application.

Tran discloses

the processing including:

verifying that a user at the user client system is authorized to submit the request [i.e. prompt for authentication information] [paragraph 0013];

providing authorized system users with access to said approved information in the central storage location via an input option at the user client system [i.e. obtaining bookmark information] [Figure 4; and paragraphs 0062-0065];

wherein the input option causes the web key tool to retrieve the information from the central storage location without opening a web browser application [i.e. an application programming interface (API) enables client programs to communicate with the server to store and/or retrieve bookmark information] [paragraphs 0008, 0059, 0060 and 0074-0076].

It would have been obvious to a person skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Adar and Tran because Tran's teaching of user authentication would have enable the system to verify the identify of the user, to prevent unauthorized users from adding bookmark information for another user [Tran, paragraph 0012].

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9. As per claim 2, Adar discloses information relating to a web site includes a universal resource locator for said website, a description of said website, a web address of said web site, and a hypertext transfer protocol link [Col. 1, lines 27-39].

10. As per claim 3, Adar discloses associating said information with a category includes selecting a category from a list of pre-established categories provided by said web key tool [Col. 7, lines 27-30]; and

creating a new category where no suitable category from said list of categories is found [Col. 17, lines 28-30].

11. As per claim 4, Adar discloses approved information is accessible to said authorized system users via a web page [Col. 5, lines 62-67; and col 7, lines 36-48].

12. Claims 5 - 8 do not teach or define any new limitations above claims 1 - 4 and therefore are rejected for similar reasons.

13. As per claim 9, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 1. Furthermore, Adar discloses an organization, comprising of a server executing the web key tool, a client system, a data storage device for providing a centralized storage location for said preferred web site links, an administrative client system for controlling access to said data storage device and managing operations provided by said web key tool [Figures 1, 9 and 10; col 5, lines 38-57; and col 10, lines 8-53], a network link for allowing said server, said client system, said

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administrative client system, and said data storage device to communicate with each other [Col. 5, lines 38-43, lines 54-57; Col. 10, lines 50-53];

a link to a second server, wherein said second server provides a source for said preferred web site links [Col. 5, lines 54-57].

14. As per claim 11, Adar discloses client system is executing a web browser software program [Col. 6, lines 1-3].

15. As per claim 12, Adar discloses web key tool is executed by said organization [Col. 5, lines 38-43 and 50-57].

16. As per claim 13, Adar discloses wherein said information relating to a web site is a web link [Col. 1, lines 44-54], and said associating said information with a category [Col. 7, lines 20-21] further comprises at least one of:

importing said web link from a currently active web site associated with said web link [Col. 8, lines 7-11]; and

manually entering a uniform resource locator for the link and a brief description [Col. 8, lines 46-49].

17. As per claim 14, Adar discloses wherein said information relating to a web site is a web link [Col. 1, lines 44-54], and said associating said information with a category [Col. 7, lines 20-21] further comprises at least one of:

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importing said web link from a currently active web site associated with said web link [Col. 8, lines 7-11]; and

manually entering a uniform resource locator for the link and a brief description [Col. 8, lines 46-49].

18. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire **3 (three) months and 0 (zero) days** from the mail date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application (see 35 U.S.C 133, M.P.E.P 710.02, 710.02(b)).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dustin Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3971. The examiner can normally be reached on flex schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Follansbee John can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Dustin Nguyen
Examiner
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